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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 04329.2688

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Miyoko SHIMADA, et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2829  
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Serial No.: 09/982,003 ) Examiner: Kilday, Lisa A.  
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Filed: October 19, 2001 )  
)  
For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING )  
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**INFORMAL PROPOSED AMENDMENT LANGUAGE**

Further to telephone conversations with Examiner Kilday on September 5 and 9, 2003, Applicants' representative agreed to fax this informal document to the Examiner at 703-746-3904, to serve as a starting point for dialogue after the Office Action of June 18, 2003. The Examiner in turn agreed to conduct a telephone interview with Applicants' representative on Friday, September 12, 2003, at 1 PM to discuss the present application.

The Examiner understands that Applicants will need to approve any amendments to the application, and that this proposed amendment language only serves as a starting point for dialogue, and in no way limits Applicants' claims.